

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes  
Davis Hall  
November 18, 2015

<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Staff	Vivian Cooper	X	
2/28/2018	Taimi Anderson		X
4/30/2017	Suzie Bellamy	X	
5/26/2018	Nick Brennan	X	
7/31/2018	Lois Donaty	X	
2/28/2017	Patti Stange	X	
3/31/2016	Dave Turley	X	
11/23/2018	Kathy Rodeffer	X	

Guests: Christiane Williams; Karen Pasta; Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mr. Brennan.

1. The August 27, 2015 minutes and September 24, 2015 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Turley made a motion to accept both sets of minutes. Ms. Bellamy seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed.
2. Membership update was given by Mr. Brennan. We welcome Kathy Rodeffer to the committee.
3. Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Ms. Cooper. Vet services expenditures year-to-date is \$1460. Animal control costs are \$1640. The AWC fund raising account has a balance of \$11,089.
4. Mr. Brennan distributed copies of a memorandum concerning Rules and Regulations pertaining to Council-Appointed Boards. Several items were pointed out to the committee:
  - a. Attachment 1 describes the role of the Staff Liaison and Contract Secretary.
  - b. Attachment 2 shows a template of information for a written annual report required by each committee to submit to City Council.
  - c. Although committee members may phone into a meeting, they will not count towards a quorum for any votes needed in a meeting.
  - d. If a committee member has missed three consecutive meetings, they may be removed from their position on the committee.
  - e. All committees must adhere to the financial policy.
5. Shelter: Three cats were returned: Ben, Moxie and Queen Elsa. There were also six kittens and one adult female cat, CD, taken into the shelter. The gray and white kitten passed away; it had been very sick. CD is ready for adoption. The kittens were taken by the Alley Cat Rescue program. The following cats were adopted in pairs: Caliope and Vixen; Serena and Venus; Gaby and Alexia; and Queen Elsa and Sir Emerald. Miss Independence keeps running away; Ms.

Cooper has contacted via email a farm in Hughesville who have assisted in the past with taking cats. She is waiting for a response.

6. Ms. Bellamy distributed the December shelter coverage schedule via email. Ms. Stange has volunteered to handle the shelter the day after Thanksgiving.
7. We will be doing pet pictures with Santa at Petco on December 5 and December 12. We will need a camera and printer that work together. Ms. Stange will email the details to the committee. All proceeds from the pictures will benefit the Animal Welfare Committee.

Ms. Donaty would like everyone to think of potential fund raising activities for the Spring. Mr. Brennan reminded everyone that we would need City Council approval for fund raising activities.

8. Discussion took place on TNR and the Low Cost Spay/Neuter program. Mr. Brennan mentioned that Ms. Cooper and he were able to meet with Bob Ryan and Suellen Ferguson. Mr. Brennan and Ms. Cooper were told that Prince Georges County recognizes the practice of TNR, but does not practice it and neither does the City of College Park. Any funds from the Animal Welfare Committee used for TNR would require City Council approval. Mr. Brennan asked about clarification for the \$5000 grant from Mr. Ryan, however, he did not receive any clear indication from Mr. Ryan. The TNR discussion was eventually tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Low Cost Spay/Neuter program grant money will expire on December 31, 2015. Anyone who lives in College Park (20740 zip code) is eligible for the program. Brochures and applications are available.

9. Mr. Brennan distributed a letter he found with regards to banning Pit Bulls in Prince George's County. There is an effort to repeal the County Breed Ban. Citizens are urged to write to their Councilmembers, both local and county, to encourage the repeal of the ban. No one had an exact answer as to when this would come before the Prince George's County Council. Ms. Cooper indicated she would try to find out more information and send to the committee.
10. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00pm in the lower level of City Hall. It is a pot luck dinner meeting.
11. The 2016 meeting dates were submitted to the City. We will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December. November will be the third Wednesday and December will be the second Thursday.

Ms. Bellamy requested to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stange seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.